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1. ALL NEWSPAPERS COMMENT EDITORIALLY ON RABIN'S DECISION TO FORCE THE NRP OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT COALITION. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THIS STEP WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY ELECTION. AL-HAMISHMAR (MAPAM) DESCRIBES THE DECISION AS "COURAGEOUS." IT PROVES THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW, WITHOUT WHICH NO COALITION IS POSSIBLE.

2. DAVAR (HISTADRUT) SEES THE DECISION AS "REGRETTABLE PERHAPS, BUT INEVITABLE." IT ADDS THAT ONE THING SEEMS CERTAIN: FROM THE ASPECTS OF PUBLIC MORALITY AND THE DIGNITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND KNESSET, THERE WAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPEN. "SURGERY IS DEFINITELY PREFERABLE TO CONTINUING AND DANGEROUS PAIN.

3. HAARETZ (INDEPENDENT) SEES THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION AS FUNDAMENTALLY A POLITICAL AND NOT JUDICIAL DECISION.

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"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ALIGNMENT FACTION AGREE TO DISSOLVE THE KNESSET EARLY AND SET AS ADVANCED A DATE AS POSSIBLE FOR ELECTIONS TO THE NEW KNESSET...IF THE NEW WAITING PERIOD IS CUT BY SIX MONTHS THEN WE ALSO CUT DOWN ON THE TIME AVAILABLE TO THE VARIOUS TRADE UNIONS FOR SQUEEZING CONCESSIONS OUT OF THE STATE'S TREASURY AND

SPEED UP THE REORGANIZATION PROCESS IN THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES."

4. HATZOFE, THE NRP'S PAPER, PREDICTABLY TAKES AN ANGRY VIEW OF RABIN'S MOVE. IT DESCRIBES THE STEP AS "DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO AND IN TOTAL CONFLICT WITH ANY NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OR POLITICAL SAGACITY. BY HIS DECISION, THE PRIME MINISTER TURNED THE GOVERNMENT INTO A MINORITY GOVERNMENT WHICH INSPIRES NO CONFIDENCE, AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR CONDUCTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY."

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